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- 1. AS NOTED REFTEL, US AND GON AGREED SCHEDULE NEGOTIATIONS IN JUNE CONCERNING CARIBBEAN AIRLINE ROUTES AND NETHERLANDS ANTILLES ADHERENCE TO PROTOCOL SIGNED ON MARCH 31.
- 2. US PROPOSES THESE TALKS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JUNE 19. WE APPRECIATE ANTILLES INVITATION MEET IN CURACAO, BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US DO THIS IN VIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEAVY AVIATION NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE.

3. US ALSO HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT NETHERLANDS DELEGATION FIRST DRAFT OF MODEL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION DURING JUNE 19 TALKS. HOWEVER, WE PROBABLY WILL NOT KNOW WHETHER DRAFT WILL BE IN AN ADEQUATE SHAPE TO DISCUSS WITH DUTCH UNTIL SECOND HALF OF MAY.

4. WE ASSUME THAT TALKS RELATING ONLY TO CARIBBEAN ROUTES WOULD BE LED BY ANTILLES WITH ONLY NOMINAL KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, DISCUSSION OF ANY

MODEL AGREEMENT WOULD BE PRIMARILY WITH HAGE REPRESENTATIVES.

5. EMBASSY HAGUE REQUESTED REVIEW FOREGOING PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS WITH DUTCH AVIATION AUTHORITIES AND SEEK THEIR ADVICE HOW TO PROCEED. WE WILL DEFER APPROACHING ANTILLES UNTIL WE RECEIVE DUTCH SUGGESTIONS. AN ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO AGREE THAT DUTCH REPS FROM HAGUE WOULD HOLD THEMSELVES FREE TO COME TO WASHINGTON WEEK OF JUNE 19 IF IT DEVELOPS US WILL BE IN POSITION PRESENT DRAFT MODEL AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME. IF US NOT READY, TALKS WOULD BE CONFINED TO CARIBBEAN ROUTES WITH PRESUMABLY ONLY NOMINAL KINGDOM PARTICIPATION. VANCE

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